

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Winter Travel Restrictions
Dubois, Ashton-Island Park, Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts

PROHIBITIONS: Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System areas, roads and trails as described in this order, all within the Dubois, Ashton-Island Park, Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts, Caribou-Targhee National Forest as shown on the individual District's Winter Travel Map dated May 14, 2000, until further notice.

1. Using any type of vehicle on National Forest System Trail in violation of restrictions specified on the individual District's Winter Travel Map. **36 CFR 261.55(b)**
2. Possessing or using any type of vehicle off National Forest roads and trails in violation of restrictions specified on the individual District's Winter Travel Map. **36 CFR 261.56**
3. Going into or being upon an area depicted on the individual District's Winter Travel Map that is closed for the protection of property for wintering wildlife. **36 CFR 261.53 (f)**

EXEMPTIONS: Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this order
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

All areas, roads and trails, as shown and identified on the attached individual District's Winter Travel Map, within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Dubois, Ashton-Island Park, Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts, Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

PURPOSE:

These restrictions are necessary to protect wintering wildlife habitat from the disturbance caused by motorized over snow vehicles, to protect natural resources (physical and biological) and separate motorized and non-motorized recreation uses to minimize user conflicts.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the areas, roads and trails is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for a individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in described areas, roads and trails.
5. Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor's Office (208-524-7500) in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Done at Idaho Falls, Idaho this 17 day of November, 2009



BRENT LARSON
Forest Supervisor
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Order Number: 04-15-100

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Forest Staff with LE&I input	July 2009
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	September 2009
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	November 2009
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	November 2009
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Forest/District Staff Officers	November 2009
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Forest Supervisor PAO	Nov.-Dec. 2009
Describe implementation/action taken for order. See item #3 above	Appropriate District Staff LEO, & field going personnel On going through the field season.	Nov.-Dec. 2009

enforcement Plan approved for implementation:



Brent Larson
Forest Supervisor
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

11/17/09

Date

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Winter Travel Management Plan

Targhee National Forest (Dubois, Ashton-Island Park, Palisades, and Teton Basin Ranger Districts)

1. Background. In November 2005 the USDA Forest Service announced a new regulation for recreational motor vehicle use in national forests and grasslands. This regulation deals only with “wheeled motorized use” and is therefore specific to the summer season of use. This regulation required a separate Travel Management Plan for summer motorized use (known as the Motor Vehicle Use Map – MVUM). Therefore, it is necessary to separate the summer and winter Travel Restrictions that were combined on the old travel maps (and Special Order) and prepare a single “Winter” Special Order to be placed on the Winter Travel Management Plan maps.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. The roads, trails, and areas will be managed as shown on the individual Ranger District Winter Travel Management Plan maps. The reasons for these changes are to separate winter from summer recreational use regulations. The winter travel management plan maps show designated roads, trails and areas that are open to motor vehicle use as well as areas with restrictions on non-motorized uses.

The intent of this order is to protect habitat for wintering wildlife from disturbance caused by presence of humans on critical winter range including; motorized over snow vehicles, cross-country skiers, and snowshoes. Motorized over snow vehicles are restricted to designated routes in these areas identified on the Winter Travel Management Map. These areas that are important to wintering wildlife were identified in collaboration with Idaho Fish and Game and Wyoming Game and Fish during the revision of the Targhee Forest Plan, which was finished in 1997.

This order is also intended to provide separation between motorized users and cross-country skiers in some areas identified on the Winter Travel Management Map. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: District staff to provide on the ground signing and maintenance of signing to meet posting requirements in 36 CFR 261.51(b). District Forest Protection Officers and LEO to do random patrols for compliance and take appropriate action for violations of the prohibition.